

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 remain pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections:

Claims 1-16, 25, and 26-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goodrum, U.S. Patent 5,922,060. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The cited reference does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the independent claims. Goodrum teaches a circuit card for use with a computer system having a card slot electrically connected to a bus. The card slot has electrical contacts corresponding to lines of the bus. The circuit card has a first pin positioned to extend into the card slot when the card is inserted into the slot and contact a first electrical contact of the slot corresponding to a communication line of the bus. The circuit card also has a second pin positioned to extend into the card slot when the card is inserted into the slot and contact a second electrical contact of the slot corresponding to a clock line of the bus before the first pin contacts the first electrical contact.

In contrast, Applicant's independent claim 1 recites, in pertinent part:

"wherein said bus interface unit includes a storage unit including a first storage location for storing a state of said first configuration change signal and a second storage location for storing a state of said second configuration change signal"
(Emphasis added).

Independent claim 26 recites a similar combination of features.

Applicant can find no teaching or suggestion of this combination of features anywhere in Goodrum. The Examiner has cited column 4, lines 9-24 and column 8, lines 52-62 of Goodrum as teaching this feature; however, Applicant can find no teaching or

suggestion of a bus interface unit including a storage unit as recited in these citations. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the standard for anticipation has not been met and thus respectfully requests removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection.

Claims 17-22 and 42-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodrum in view of Harari, U.S. Patent 6,381,662. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and, for at least the reasons stated above, submits that the cited references, taken singly or in combination, do not teach or suggest all of the elements of the independent claims. Accordingly, removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

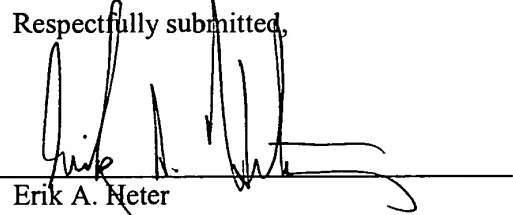
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-35900/BNK.

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